(b) In the wake of September, 11, 2001, terrorist attack in USA, the State Governments/UT Administrations and security agencies were asked to strengthen security around vital installations located in different parts of the country including along the land and sea borders.

(c) Yes, Sir. The security to sensitive vital installations and airports is being provided by a specialised force in phased manner. Central Industrial Security Force is being provided adequate training and orientation for this purpose.

Killing of policemen and their family members in J&K

1421. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the resentment brewing in rank and file of police in Jammu and Kashmir due to apathy towards them despite recent spate in killing of policemen and their family members;

(b) if so, the reasons for disbanding of the special operations group (SOG) in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to protect the family members of policemen in Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) As informed by the State Government police despite of killing of their fellow colleagues and persistent threats the J&K Police have been relentlessly on the forefront of the efforts to combat terrorism so as to usher in peace and tranquility in the trouble torn State, daring all impediments. Jawans of police have been making supreme sacrifice all along with other security forces and continue to work for the security of the State. In spite of the sacrifice being laid down by personnel of J&K Police, their morale is very high. The efforts of J&K Police have been appreciated in the form of recent decision to award the Presidents colours to the J&K Police.

(b) State Government has further informed that assimilation/re-location of personnel of SOG within the regular establishment of police force is a

step meant for more accountability and discipline among the rank and file of the group. Besides, it is aimed to engage the entire police force at all levels in a big way for operational assignments. The Special Groups are a part of Executive Police, and are working under the control of District SSP.

(c) Police guards have been provided at residential places of policemen, who are facing threat from terrorists. Well guarded housing colonies for the families of police personnel have also been constructed to save police jawans as well as their families from terrorist attacks. Public Schools run by the police have been established in Jammu/ Srinagar to give better education facilities to the wards of Police personnel in a safe atmosphere.

Extremist activities in J&K

1422. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:
SHRI T.S. BAJWA:
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether extremist activities have increased in Jammu and Kashmir after the new Government took over last year;

(b) if so, the comparative data of civilians and jawans killed and the terrorist arrested before and after the new regime; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government recently to help the State Government to curb terrorism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) As per the information provided by the State Government, the comparative data of terrorism related activities in J&K is given below:-